

We have heard here much discussion about visibility. I can think of no single factor which would give a legislator more visibility than the written history. If that history were not available in one day or one week but were available even two months later, it might be very valuable, and I would urge the delegates to consider this seriously.

I would also point out that much of what we are proposing will cost a little bit more than what we are spending today on our state government. I think this is something that we have to face.

If the state government is to live up to its responsibility and carry out its part in the governmental structure, there will have to be more money spent on the business of government. However, I do think that all of this money will be wisely spent. I think we can be penny wise in this area if we do not provide the means whereby our citizens can be informed and whereby our legislators can have the information.

I urge you to vote against the amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Mitchell.

DELEGATE MITCHELL: Mr. President and fellow delegates, I think this is the time for Delegate Storm's recommendation of an innovation. We are having all of these new electronic and other inventions all the time, and with the suggestion, it seems to me, instead of saying "audible or oral record", if we say "a record of its debate," rather than "transcript". Just say "a record" and then it would be up to the General Assembly to provide that it be either an oral record or Delegate Storm's suggestion of this new electronic device that both records the oral debate and the picture of the experience. In investigating that, it is relatively inexpensive.

I would strongly urge that we vote against the amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Freedlander.

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: I move the previous question, please.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The motion has been made to order the previous question. A vote Aye is a vote in favor; a vote No a vote against. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No.

The Ayes seem to have it. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered. The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 11. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 58 votes in the affirmative, and 43 in the negative, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: A point of inquiry.

THE PRESIDENT: State your inquiry.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: On line 20 and 21 of the same section, is it the Chair's opinion that a further amendment is necessary to delete the reference to "transcript of debates"?

THE PRESIDENT: That is what I just spoke to Delegate Gallagher about, and he, I think, is going to make a motion.

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen: In view of the action just taken by the body, I think we should be consistent, and therefore I would move that on line 20—

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, could I make a suggestion?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: If you change the word "shall" to "may" it would leave the concept of the possibility of providing for a typed record, but it would not be mandatory. If you simply change the word "shall" to "may" on line 21.

THE PRESIDENT: To make it read smoothly, I think, Delegate James, that it would be desirable to change the word "the" in line 20 to "a", and then I think, Delegate Gallagher, the amendment would be in order, and probably preferable.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: So that, Mr. Chairman, the sentence would therefore read "Each House shall provide by rule that the daily journal shall be published as soon as practicable and that a transcript of debates may be made available at reasonable times to the public."